

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Election/Restrictions

Claims 59-82 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 11/15/07.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher B. Linder on 1/24/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 3 after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.

In claim 1, line ⁷6 the phrase "of the metal salt having weakly bound counter anions" has been deleted.

In claim 1, line ⁸7 after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.

In claim 1, line ⁶7 after the phrase "f-block metal", the phrase - - and the anion is selected from the group consisting of perchlorate, trifluoromethanesulfonate, and

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In claim 15, line 1 the term "6" has been deleted and replaced therein with the term -- 1 --.

In claim 15, line ² after the word "from", the phrase -- the group consisting of -- has been inserted.

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In claim 17, line 1 the term "6" has been deleted and replaced therein with the term -- 1 --.

In claim 17, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase -- the group consisting of -- has been inserted.

In claim 17, line 4 after the word "from", the phrase -- the group consisting of -- has been inserted.

In claim 18, line 1 the term "6" has been deleted and replaced therein with the term -- 1 --.

In claim 18, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase -- the group consisting of -- has been inserted.

In claim 21, line 1 the term "6" has been deleted and replaced therein with the term -- 1 --.

In claim 22, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase -- the group consisting of -- has been inserted.

In claim 23, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase -- the group consisting of -- has been inserted.

In claim 26, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase -- the group consisting of -- has been inserted.